

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 585

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amy Sparkman, 2007 Valedictorian of Obion County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amy Sparkman is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Obion County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Sparkman has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in Amy's remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary grade point average and gained inclusion on the honor roll, selection as the Kiwanis Club Student of the Month; and

WHEREAS, an active member of numerous school clubs and organizations during her high school career, Amy served in the Key Club, the Health Occupation Students of America, SADD, the Pep Club, the Photography Club, the Foreign Language Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, voted "Most Intelligent" by her peers and selected as a Senior Class Favorite, Ms. Sparkman ably served as the co-editor of the yearbook and competed as a member of the cross country team, the intramural basketball team, and the cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, a Challenge graduate and a Tennessee Scholar, Amy served as an Honor Marshal at the 2006 Obion County Central graduation, as a Parent-Teacher Conference Hostess, as an Open House Hostess, and as a student aide; and

WHEREAS, Amy Sparkman participated in Obion County Youth Leadership and attended the Leadership Summit at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the West Tennessee Teen Institute at Bethel College, the Student Congress on Policies in Education, and Volunteer Girls State; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Sparkman gained academic awards in Algebra I and II, Honors English I and II, English Composition, Biology I and II, Chemistry I and II, World Geography, and Spanish I and gained inclusion to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, active in her community as a public service ambassador for Obion County, Ms. Sparkman has volunteered for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Tennessee-Union City and at Ridgemont Spring Heritage Days and has lent her time and talents to the Chimes for Charity Christmas Shopping Tour, the Reelfoot Rural Ministries food drive, and the Salvation Army clothing drive; and

WHEREAS, Amy's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, as she continues her education at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sparkman's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Marshall and Ruth Ann Sparkman, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amy's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Obion County Central High School Valedictorian Amy Sparkman on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.